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NOTE VERBALE DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 22 and 24 February 1993, there appear to have been three flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition there has been two flights on 21 February. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annexes I and II to this note verbale.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(22-24 February 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
				[22 Feb: no violations reported]	
				[23 Feb: no violations reported]	
456	24 Feb.	0901	0920	AWACS detected a track 4 nautical miles north of Banja Luka airfield heading north-west. The aircraft was tracked for 19 minutes and eventually faded from radar coverage 3 nautical miles east of Banja Luka airfield. The aircraft was assessed as a probable helicopter and flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Northwest 80 kts Unknown
457	24 Feb.	1107	1113	AWACS detected a track 1 nautical mile south-west of Banja Luka airfield heading south-west. The aircraft was tracked for 6 minutes before fading from radar coverage 4 nautical miles south-west of Banja Luka airfield. The aircraft was assessed as a probable helicopter and flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Slow 7,900 feet
458	24 Feb.	1254	1303	AWACS detected a track 35 nautical miles north-east of Dubrovnik in the vicinity of the town of Gacko. The aircraft was tracked for 9 minutes and eventually faded from radar coverage 15 nautical miles north-east of Dubrovnik over the town of Bileca. The aircraft was assessed as a probable helicopter and flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west 116 kts 5,400 feet

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Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(Addition to 21 February 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
454	21 Feb.	Unknown	1202	United Nations military observers reported an MI-8 helicopter landing at Podgorica airfield (Titograd) at 1205Z. It was known to have flown from the town of Bileca (37 nautical miles south-east of Mostar). The aircraft was not detected by AWACS and flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east Unknown Unknown
455	21 Feb.	1404	Unknown	The same MI-8 returned to Bileca. UNMOs reported it taking off from Podgorica at 1404Z. The helicopter routed via the town of Niksic (25 nautical miles north-west of Titograd) and entered the "No Fly Zone" 10 nautical miles east of Bileca. The aircraft was not detected by AWACS and flew in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-west Unknown Unknown